

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Carl Eisenmann, Esq., **Chair**

Monsignor William A. Genuario

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Bevin Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

Elisa L. Villa, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 17 (Bristol)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 4:51 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Molly Arabolos to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:52 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Alfonzo Sirica to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:27 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the adjustments to the Special Public Defender Contracts for 2010 as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Suzanne Lucas-Deneen to the position of Mitigation Specialist, Capital Defense and Trial Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Meredith Ann Spicer to the position of Investigator II, Bridgeport Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Tiffany Teixeira to the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Tonya S. Grace to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Manager of Administrative Services, Jen W. Loo, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; and Assistant Public Defender, Ann M. Parrent, Capital Defense and Trial Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Sean K. Crowshaw, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 8/11/14; Assistant Public Defender, Benjamin Aponte, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 8/21/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kelly J. Goulet-Case, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 8/31/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Beth Merkin, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 8/31/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Thomas D. Nalband, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 8/31/14; Assistant Public Defender, Sonia M. Jones, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/9/14; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Sandra A. Davis, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield), expiring on 9/16/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Claud Chong, New Britain Judicial District, expiring on 9/29/14; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Renee Cimino, New Haven Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/29/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, David A. Smith, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 9/29/14; Public Defender, Barry A. Butler, Stamford Judicial District, expiring on 10/1/14; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christopher James, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 10/1/14.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Manager of Information Services, Jennie J. Albert, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London), subject to the annual review and approval by the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Manager of Information Services, Jennie J. Albert, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, subject to the annual review and approval by the Commission.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the educational leave request of Public Defender Secretary, Juanita Lewis, New Haven Juvenile Matters.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request of Public Defender Secretary, Juanita Lewis, New Haven Juvenile Matters.

The Chief Public Defender notified the Commission of its annual Stand Down event scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2010.

The Chief Public Defender informed the Commission of a planned supervisory roundtable discussion for Geographical Area attorneys.

The Chief Public Defender further informed the Commission of a federal grant proposal that was submitted to the Office of Policy and Management.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender